



## FIRST OF SERIES OF CRUSADE BIBLE TEACHING CONFERENCES HELD AT CALVARY CHURCH, TUPELO

Several leaders at Tupelo Conference are seen Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo, admiring attractive poster promoting The Crusade of the Americas. On the left is seen Paul in Jackson, the closing speaker on spirational speaker on son, associate in S. S. Department; Dr. Bob Proctor, pastor of Auburn Church in Lee County, and Mrs. action. His subject was man, interim pastor host church; Mrs. Paul Fox, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lee County, conference leader; Rev. Charles Shipman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lee County, conference leader, and Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, director S. S. Department, sponsor.

Music leaders at conference are seen going over Joseph M. Haynes, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, a number. Seated at piano is Mrs. Jack Stacy, Nashville, Tenn., is seen leading one of eight simultaneous conferences conducted during the meeting in Tupelo. Mr. Martha Branham, soloist of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and conference soloist. At right Department in Jackson. Other area meetings planned by George VanEgmond, minister of music of the department are as follows: First, Greenwood, March First, New Albany, and conference director of 17-18; Ridgeland, Jackson, April 14-15; First, Gulfport, April 21-22 and First, Hattiesburg, April 28-29.

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## CONFUSING ASPECTS EXPLAINED

### The Situation Now In Nigeria

By H. Cornell Goerner  
Secretary for Africa, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

The least Nigeria expects the U. S. to do is to maintain strict neutrality in the military aspect of the civil war. There can be no objection to any efforts to give relief to civilian war victims on BOTH SIDES of the conflict.

Unfortunately, many outside governments have acted as if there are war victims only in the rebel-held areas of the East Central State.

We do hope that time will bear out the strict neutrality of the U. S. in the Nigerian conflict. And that nothing will be done at this crucial period of our history to mar the traditional friendship between Nigeria and the United States."

This calm and reasonable statement was published as part of an editorial in the *Daily Times*, for February 25, 1969. This is one of the finest and most influential newspapers published in Nigeria. It usually reflects the official position of the Nigerian government. Under the heading "Maintain strict neutrality," the editorial quoted with approval from a diplomatic note which has recently been sent by President Nixon to General Gowon, head of the Nigerian government.

President Nixon stated: "The efforts of outside governments to expand relief are greatly complicated by the political and military issues that divide the contestants. Unfortunately, the humanitarian urge to feed the starving has become enmeshed in those issues and stands in danger of interpretation by the parties as a form of intervention."

This very wise statement by President Nixon and the firm position of neutrality which it established are in line with the position which the Foreign Mission Board has sought to maintain since that portion of Nigeria

formerly known as the "Eastern Region" declared its independence in May, 1967, and took the name "Biafra." As had been anticipated, federal troops were sent to quell rebellion and prevent the secession of what is officially called in Nigeria the "East Central State."

#### Unfortunate Civil War

In the unfortunate civil war which ensued there have been heavy casualties on both sides, and serious food shortages have developed in the embattled areas. Numerous stories have appeared in the daily press and in secular magazines in America describing the plight of children and innocent civilians who are slowly starving because of the lack of an adequate diet in the war-torn areas.

Many of these stories have been written by journalists who visited only the rebel-held territory and who in some cases wrote of Biafra as though it were an independent nation recognized by the United Nations and the world at large. They thus seemed to take sides passively in a political struggle which is in the process of being settled on the battlefield. They also tended to overlook the heavy war casualties and the need for widespread relief in federal-held areas, in many cases recently recaptured from the Biafrans, constituting a much larger area than that which is now held by the secessionists.

True to the Baptist tradition of the

separation of church and state and consistent with its own policy of neutrality on political and military issues, the Foreign Mission Board has refused to become involved in this very complicated political problem and has insisted upon seeking to give relief to civilian war victims on both sides of the conflict.

It has been extremely difficult to get food and relief supplies into Biafra itself, because the rebel territory has been completely encircled by federal troops and all supplies had to be flown in under hazardous conditions. The International Red Cross and various Christian and philanthropic organizations have sought repeatedly to negotiate for the opening of a land corridor through which relief materials might be transported, but thus far no agreement has been reached because of possible military implications in the use of such a corridor. The Foreign Mission Board has sent some aid through the limited channels which are available, and it stands ready to do far more in relief work as soon as there is some type of settlement or whenever a broad corridor can be opened through negotiations.

#### Need Has Multiplied

Meantime, the need for relief in the areas formerly held by Biafran troops but now firmly under the control of Nigerian forces has multiplied

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### Pastors' Meet To Relate Preaching To Issues

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, meeting here June 9-10 just prior to sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a program aimed at meeting major issues of the day with strong, positive, Biblical preaching.

The Pastors' Conference president said in releasing the program.

Theme for the two-day meeting will be "The Living Lord Confronting Today's World," said Pastors' Conference President Harper Shannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dotson, Ala.

Twenty major addresses, messages and program features will highlight the two-day program. Sessions will be held at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, corners of St. Ann and St. Peter, and St. Claude, beginning at 9:15 Monday, June 9, and ending Tuesday afternoon, June 10.

Shannon pointed out that one of the changes in the program format this year was "a tremendous reduction in the number of program personnel." Last year, there were 58 major addresses during the two-day meeting.

Another new feature this year is the introduction of a Sunday evening pre-conference dinner and colloquy, featuring a panel discussion and open floor dialogue beginning at 9:15 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Royal Orleans Hotel, and ending at 11:30. Cost of the full dinner served and the colloquy will be \$10. Shannon said.

The panel will discuss the theme "Students, The Church and Today's Issues," and will include at least one college student along with Kenneth L. Chafin, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; B. Gray Allison, a Baptist evangelist from Rustin, La.; and Ron Willis, pas-

tor in San Francisco and minister who works with the hippies of the Haight-Ashbury district.

The Pastors' Conference itself will feature both Biblical and doctrinal preaching, and messages and addresses on major issues of the day, Shannon said.

Major issues on the program, and the speaker dealing with that issue, will be:

"The population explosion: Wayne Ward, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville;

"Separation of Church and State: Landrum P. Leavell, III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas;

"The problem of war: Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.;

"Situation ethics and the new

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## The Crusade Of The Americas—In Word And Song

By Edwin McNeely  
Churches Marching Together  
The triumphant marching churches,

moving together to tell the story of Jesus to every lost person, is the greatest simultaneous movement of militant Christianity since the days of Christ's proclamation of his commission, "Go ye into all the world" (Mark 16:15). The idea of working together in evangelism has been gaining favor of Christians, from small beginnings of a few churches bound together in evangelistic crusades, until half the world's churches are bound in love together for Christ in the Crusade of the Americas. In many lands and tongues, many Christians will be telling the story of Jesus, each in his own church, in his own tongue, in personal testimony to the unconverted neighbor in his church community, in mighty word and triumphant song. Such is the spirit and hope of the Crusade of the Americas!

The thousands of churches that join in the crusade will have the assurance of the Holy Spirit's approval and guidance in the work of evangelism. The Bible says nothing about evangelism apart from the church, which is, and has been, the source and projection of Holy Spirit-inspired evangelism. The evangelist, the singer, and all who witness of Christ and his saving grace, go forth from the church to the field, "white unto harvest," awaiting the good news in word and song from the church of the living God!

#### Church-centered Evangelism

Since the Crusade of the Americas is to be church centered, it follows that the singer must have a new concept of the spiritual import of the song that will accompany the spoken word. Many new singers and song leaders will emerge from shallow convictions to a deep and abiding comprehension of the purpose of the Crusade of the Americas. The song will be profound in word, in melody, and in harmonic structure.

As long as the people sing the songs of Zion, the story of good news will be proclaimed in no uncertain tones by a triumphant church on the forward march to victory. For many years the voice of song was stilled, but never completely dead. The vibrant voice of the church, though often subdued to

avoid persecution and hatred, continued through many centuries, dark and foreboding, to keep alive that vibrant voice, which today rings out with all the power Christ himself gives to his adoring people. Now for almost half a millennium, the story — the greatest story ever told —

has been moving on the wings of song to the peoples of the world. Now it is decreed that the story of the gospel shall be proclaimed in the Americas by millions, their voices singing and speaking the story of salvation.

One by One They Come

"But now is Christ risen from

the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be

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Queens' Court Held At Garaywa

BAPTIST GIRLS from every section of the state attended annual Queens' Court held March 13-15 at Camp Garaywa and sponsored by the WMF. Three representative girls present, are, from left: Anne Simmons, Meridian, queen with sceptre; Becky Flowers, Senatobia, queen regent; Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMF director, who directed the event, and Barbara Roberts, Vicksburg, queen regent in service.

Eight Recommendations Made On Crisis Implementation

ATLANTA (BP)—The board of directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board approved a progress report from its special committee on the national race crisis, including eight recommendations.

Hugo Culpepper, director of the board's division of missions and a member of the special crisis committee, said the center is "devoted to training clergy and laymen for ministers in the metropolis."

He said an investigation revealed that the research seminars, fellowship and observation at the center had initiated creative thinking toward the problems of the nation.

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After a 1 1/4 hour debate, the Baptist General Board voted to approve a recommendation from its committee on Christian education proposing that students in private colleges be given a tuition subsidy to offset the difference in cost between education at state schools and private institutions.

The recommendation urged the state legislature to set a subsidy at 60 per cent of the per student appropriation for the state's five colleges and universities. If approved, this would place the subsidy at about \$800 per year.

In effect, the board's action amounts to an expression of opinion by board members for the benefit of the state legislature, observers pointed out. The lawmakers, however, might likely be influenced by the views of the leaders of the state's largest denominational body.

Observers here pointed out it is doubtful, however, that a tuition grant would be approved by the General Assembly this year. Funds would have to be appropriated and there is a question whether the state constitution would have to be changed.

Strong opposition to the proposal

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## APOLLO 8 SIX CENTS • UNITED STATES

### Apollo 8 Stamp

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U.S. Post Office Department has revised its Apollo 8 commemorative stamp to include the words from Genesis, "In the beginning God . . ." Originally the stamp had the simple designation "Apollo 8." But in response to numerous requests from across the nation, the Postmaster General ordered the stamp revised to include the first phrase of the Bible, honoring the reading from outer space by astronauts on Christmas Eve.—(RNS PHOTO.)

# Preachers' Meet To Face Main Issues

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mortality; John Drakeford, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth;

—Ecumenical evangelism: Alastair Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga.;

—Poverty: Vander Warner, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.;

—Drug addiction: Dr. Ira Myers, state health officer for Alabama and a Southern Baptist deacon;

—Biblical Preaching and social issues: Warren Hulgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.;

—The gospel of a radical pulpit: Manuel L. Scott, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Scott, a Negro, will also speak on "Redemption through the Blood." Another Negro, Jimmie McDonald of Colorado, will bring special music several times.

## Doctrinal Messages

Doctrinal messages will be brought by H. Franklin Pastall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and immediate past president of the SBC; Ray Wood, evangelist, Birmingham, Ala.; John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and Charles Carter, pastor of Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and Eddie Lieber-

man, evangelist from Greenville, S.C.

Other major addresses will be brought by Evangelist John Edmund Haggai of Atlanta; Governor Albert P. Brewer of Alabama, and an active Baptist laymen; and R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, who brings the closing address on the second coming of Christ.

Personal testimonies will be brought by Miss Vonda Kay Van Kyte, the 1965 Miss America from Phoenix, Ariz., and by Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham.

Special music will be brought by McDonald, Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist for the First Baptist Church of Dallas; and by Mrs. Warren E. Hearnes, wife of the governor of Missouri and an active member of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo. Kurt Kaiser will be the organist and Baynard Fox, pianist.

Brief welcomes and greetings will be brought by J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and former SBC President; Bob Harrington, the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street" and Baptist evangelist; William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta; and by SBC President W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

## Eight Recommendations Made On Crisis Implementation

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The Home Mission Board will provide grants to select students to attend the training center.

Other recommendations from the committee, appointed by the board to help implement the "Statement on the Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention last June, included:

—Production by the Home Mission Board of a special documentary motion picture concerning the crisis.

—Presentation of a special emphasis regarding the crisis at the Home Mission Board booth at the Southern Baptist Convention this June in New Orleans.

—Publication of a special issue of Home Missions magazine giving a progress report of the work of the Home Mission Board dealing with the crisis and incorporating the studies, observations and recommendations of the special committee (for distribution at the convention).

—Compilation of bibliographical lists dealing with the crisis situations

and distributing these lists to denominational publications.

—Encouragement of local Baptist associations to deal with the problem in their areas by finding areas of common interest with various racial and minority groups on which to work together.

—Encouragement of qualified seminary professors in Southern Baptist seminaries to produce new books dealing with the Christian responsibilities in social action, including the Biblical basis, theological concepts and workable philosophies underlying such responsibilities.

The committee reported that the mission agency presently is assisting two professors in such projects.

—Encouragement of all programs of the Home Mission Board to continue giving major attention to their contribution of alleviating the crisis.

Harper Shannon of Dothan, Ala., committee chairman, said other plans are being considered, but that the committee "just is not ready to make specific recommendations at this time."

## Holloway Resigns School Presidency

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP) —

Leonard L. Holloway, president of the University of Corpus Christi for the past five months, has resigned to become associated with Howard E. Butt Jr., in Christian renewal research and programs.

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manyfold. The area originally claimed by Biafra was approximately 29,000 square miles. Little by little this has been recaptured until, according to the best estimates available, the Biafrans now hold not more than about 3,000 square miles. The remainder of the territory is gradually being brought back to normalcy under the established Nigerian government, and permission is being granted for missionaries and other relief workers to enter the area that has been devastated by war.

A relief team composed of Rev. and Mrs. Urban L. Green, Miss Josephine Scaggs, and Miss Emogene Harris took up residence at Port Harcourt about the middle of February. From there they will carry on relief activities, hoping to reach as far as Ahoada and Jolokrama, former Baptist mission stations which were held temporarily by Biafran troops but have been liberated.

There will also be need for extensive relief operations in the areas around Enugu, Nsukka, and Onitsha as soon as conditions in these cities

are sufficiently normalized to permit missionaries and other relief workers to enter. The primary need will be food and drugs. Later there will undoubtedly be a need for repairing schools and church buildings which were damaged during the exchange of fire or which suffered during periods when normal activities had to be suspended because of the war emergency.

The civil war is now confined to a very limited area in the eastern section of Nigeria. Baptist work is strongly concentrated in the Western State and portions of the North. In much of Nigeria life goes on as usual, and the activities of churches and schools and hospitals have been unhampered by the troubles in the East. There are about 500 organized Baptist churches and over 1,000 mission points, with about 78,000 church members, the vast majority of whom are not involved in this internal conflict. They too wish to bring relief to the suffering, furnish food for the hungry, and do anything possible to bring an end to this unfortunate civil strife. Baptist missionaries are cooperating with

Nigerian Baptists through the Nigerian Baptist Convention in planning and projecting relief activities in all the areas which are accessible.

#### Baptists Involved

As loyal and patriotic citizens of Nigeria, many Nigerian Baptists are inescapably involved in this critical period in the life of their nation. Some have friends and relatives in the armed forces. Many are deeply concerned to preserve the unity of Nigeria and prevent any possible disintegration which might be stimulated by the secession of one state or a fragment of one state. In much smaller numbers, the Baptists who live within the rebel territory can be expected to sympathize with the political views held locally.

The leadership of the Nigerian Baptist Convention is earnestly seeking to

preserve the unity of that organization and serve as a means of reconciliation when groups that were formerly on opposite sides can once again be brought together. This has recently taken place in areas recaptured by federal Nigerian troops, bringing about a reunion of Baptist people who had formerly been separated by the conflict.

Alcohol is the chief contributor to poverty which, in turn, drives men to desperate and violent actions to acquire money or possessions.

Alcohol is a significant contributor to the more than \$7 billion in industrial losses per year.

**Smoking in pregnancy retards foetal growth** because the foetus is slightly poisoned by carbon monoxide, and this lower foetal weight is independent of all other factors. Studies made by two teams of doctors (1) Russell, Taylor and Law and (2) Younoszai, Kacic and Haworth have proven this to be a fact.

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## Area Family Life Conference Planned For Blue Mountain

Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, will be the principal resource persons at the area Family Life Conference to be held at Blue Mountain College, March 30 - April 1.

Mr. Hubbell. The conference will be co-sponsored by the college, the Commission and Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Alvin Hall, pastor.

Dr. Hensley will lead both worship services at the church on Sunday, March 30, and will speak to the high school young people during the Sunday School hour and the college young

people during the Training Union hour.

Sessions for the conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday and Tuesday mornings and at 7:00 p.m. on both nights. Arrangements are being made for participants to secure lunch at the college. Then after a brief period, the conference will adjourn until time for the night session.

Using as the theme "Changing Patterns in Family Living," other conference leaders will be Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor, Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, and the following from Blue Mountain College:

President E. Harold Fisher; Dr. Sylvia Hall, head of the Speech Department; Rev. Robert Suggs, Baptist Student Union director; and Mrs. Evelyn Wilbanks, associate professor of Home Economics.

People of all denominations are invited and welcome. The conference is not restricted to pastors and church staff members but anyone interested in the "family" is encouraged to attend, conference leaders said.



## MUSIC

### State Junior Choral Festival

Saturday, April 5

Miss Ernestine Ferrell, Supervisor, Public School Music, Dept. of Education, Jackson, will serve as guest conductor for the State Junior Choral Festival held at the Coliseum, Jackson, Saturday, April 5, 1969. Miss Ferrell is well-known throughout Mississippi and is recognized as an outstanding conductor and clinician.

The accompanists will be Mrs. Rolland Shaw, pianist, and Mr. Bill Trotter, organist. Both are on the faculty at Mississippi College.

Registration begins at the Coliseum at 9:30 a.m. and program concludes at 2:00.

#### Policy on Lunches

It is the policy of the Coliseum that no lunches be brought and eaten on the grounds, though in the past the Coliseum Management has permitted this to be done. Time does not permit choirs to leave the grounds for lunch. Therefore, "snack lunches" will be provided for 75¢ per person, if request is made on the pre-registration form. We urge that snack lunches be purchased.



Coordinator



Junior Choirs Pre-Registered

First, Mendenhall—Jimmy Bilbo, MM  
Handboro—Jimmy McClellan, MM  
State Blvd., Meridian—Hollis Fraser, MM  
Highland, Meridian—Bill Wilkinson, MM  
First, Magee—Paul Padgett, MM  
First, Moss Point—J. T. Hannaford, MM  
First, Canton—Bill Sellers, MM  
Main St., Hattiesburg—Talmadge Butler, MM  
Calvary, Jackson—Dennis Bucher, MM  
First, Union—N. E. Forester, MM  
Collins Baptist—Hubert Greer, MM  
First, Crystal Springs—Herbert Batson, MM  
Clark-Venable, Decatur—Wm. David Miller, MM  
Luka Baptist—Bill Spencer, MM

#### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM 1969 STATE JUNIOR CHORAL FESTIVAL

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number in Junior Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Number to attend Festival \_\_\_\_\_  
Number planning to buy "Snack Lunch" \_\_\_\_\_  
Music Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Return Pre-registration form immediately to Church Music Department,  
P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

## \$4000 Will Give Extra Holiday At BMC

Throughout this academic year, Blue Mountain students have been working industriously to attain a \$15,000 goal as their share in financing a STUDENT UNION BUILDING. Since last November the students have raised \$11,300. With only a little more than \$4000 to raise, the students were more than excited by President E. Harold Fisher's announcement that the realization of the \$15,000 goal by midnight April 1, 1969 would result in an extra day for spring holidays.

Since that announcement, students have redoubled their efforts to gain the remaining \$4000. According to all reports, students are determined to reach this goal by April 1 and attain not only an extra holiday but evidence of their concern for Blue Mountain and Christian education through this constructive demonstration.

The SUB committee and other Blue

Mountain students are hard at work contacting individuals whom they believe might be interested in contributing to the student-sponsored project. The girls are particularly hopeful that their home churches and other churches will support them in obtaining this final \$4000 by April 1. In ad-

dition to supporting SUB, the students have met the \$400 summer missions goal and raised this goal to \$500. As a SUB committee member pointed out, this illustrates the unity of the student body as they work for another \$100 for BSU and the remaining \$4000 for SUB.

#### Shelby Church To Honor Former Pastors

The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF Shelby will have a special service on March 23rd in honor of six former pastors. A portrait of the present pastor, Rev. Allen F. Harrod, is included in the six.

At the conclusion of the morning service there will be a brief unveiling service. After recognitions of the individual donors who financed the

portraits a statement of each pastor's accomplishments will be read followed immediately after each reading by the unveiling of their pictures.

Rev. Harrod will also express special gratitude to Mrs. E. W. Smith, church historian, for her labor to bring about this service. His word of appreciation will include a hope that every church could have such a wonderful historian.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria, as visitors within that country, have characteristically avoided involvement in local political issues, although of course their sympathies are with the people with whom they live and work. The Foreign Mission Board has attempted to preserve its position of complete neutrality, and seeks to serve as a channel for meeting human need, feeding the hungry, and saving the lives of the innocent, wherever possible.

Alcohol is the chief contributor to poverty which, in turn, drives men to desperate and violent actions to acquire money or possessions.

Alcohol is a significant contributor to the more than \$7 billion in industrial losses per year.

**Smoking in pregnancy retards foetal growth** because the foetus is slightly poisoned by carbon monoxide, and this lower foetal weight is independent of all other factors. Studies made by two teams of doctors (1) Russell, Taylor and Law and (2) Younoszai, Kacic and Haworth have proven this to be a fact.

cal church worship must never be set aside. It should be advanced to draw the evangelists and the people closer to God. In the beauty of holiness, the Holy Spirit is free to lead the people of God in their worship and witness for Him. Psalm 92:4 tells of the joy that comes to the faithful worker: "For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands." The first verse of the same Psalm reads: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Many times God's people are exhorted to sing praises, to shout for joy, to "sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day" (Psalm 96:2).

His People Shall Rejoice  
Sing! Churches of God! Let your triumphant song be heard in all the Americas. The Lord bids you to declare his great glory, his great salvation, his true way, the way of Christ the Lord, the giver of life to the dead in sin, to those far away, He bids you draw nigh and receive eternal life, eternal joy, eternal peace. "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty" (Psalm 82:1). His Christ is at thy side ready to redeem all who call upon his name. Let the redeemer

## New Church Members Visit Baptist Bldg.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS, First Church, Gulfport, visits Baptist Building, March 14. Accompanying the group of 12 junior girls and boys were their leader, Mrs. Ben J. Kitchens, and Mrs. James R. Thomas.



## Mississippi Baptists' Great Mission Opportunity

### The Chester L. Quarles Chair Of Missions \$250,000 Campaign

Mississippi Baptists join with New Orleans Baptist Seminary in honoring our late Executive Secretary by creating the mission opportunity of this decade.



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## The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper  
Of Any Kind In Mississippi  
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

## A Trip To The Northwest

The Lewis and Clarke Expedition made it in about two years. Of course they were in no hurry, for they were exploring a new world.

The Oregon Trail wagons took six months or more from independence, Mo. They were in a hurry but this was the fastest way to go.

The early sailing ships also took many months, for they had to go around Cape Horn, at the tip of South America.

There simply used to be no way to reach Oregon and Washington in a hurry.

Even today it is a long trip, for by train from Jackson it takes at least three days and three nights of travel.

And by car it takes at least five or six days, with long days for driving and only a few hours each night for sleeping, even with the modern Inter-states.

Yet, I worked in my office until after 10 o'clock in the morning, waited at the airport more than an hour, because the plane was thirty minutes late, and then reached Portland, the beautiful rose city in Oregon, before four o'clock (six o'clock our time).

The modern jet brings far places close together. It is now less than six hours to the Northwest.

This was an uneventful trip, but a beautiful one. From Jackson to Shreveport to Dallas, there was only the feathery white world of the clouds... a beautiful sight to those who have not viewed it before. (Did you ever look down on a vast layer of billowy soft cotton?). Immediately after leaving the runway at Jackson we penetrated the clouds, and then rode above them and the rainy world below, and not seeing land again until the descent for landing at Shreveport. A few minutes there and then we again saw only clouds, until we were approaching Dallas.

There we changed from Delta to Braniff, and saw the beautiful new reception and waiting rooms of Braniff at Love Field. There were nine of us from Mississippi who were on this flight to Oregon-Washington for the Crusade of the Americas revivals there. Many others were to participate but some already had gone, and others were to come later.

Just before 2 o'clock the call for loading came over the public address system, and soon we were on our plane. After a few minutes delay for some minor engine adjustment, the great Braniff International Boeing 727 rolled out to the runway, and then roared into the sky, and again into the clouds. In a few seconds we were above the rainy, dark skies, and in the brilliant sunshine looking down once more on the solid cloud bank.

There was settling down, relaxing, reading and strolling through the plane to visit with friends. After the stewardesses had sold and delivered liquor to those who wanted it, they announced that they were ready to serve lunch, and brought to each of us a delicious hot meal. It is quite relaxing to eat leisurely, speeding along at nearly six hundred miles per hour, some six or seven miles in the sky.

The cloud cover continued for more than half of the three and one-half hours of the non-stop hop to Portland, and then suddenly it began to thin out, and plains and

mountains appeared below. "New Mexico," the pilot told us over the speaker system.

Before long the great mountain terrain of Western Colorado and Eastern Utah appeared below us, and there was snow everywhere. Peaks and valleys all were covered with the winter's blanket, but by looking carefully one could see the thin dark line of a rail line or a highway, winding through the valleys and gorges. However, we were too high to see cars or even houses in the vast white world.

Then the mountain range began to break with a broad valley and a lake appearing, and suddenly the checkerboard pattern of the streets of Salt Lake City, completely cloaked in white, lay below us. In a few seconds we were passing over the Great Salt Lake, and I watched with interest for the railroad which I knew ran across it from Ogden westward, on its way to Oakland and San Francisco, a crossing I had made when just a little boy and then later in the teen years. In moments this was all behind us and the Great Salt Desert lay below, with mountain ranges surrounding it. Still all was covered with snow, and we were far up in Idaho, before this snow belt ran out briefly. However, almost immediately, after crossing the great valley of the Snake River, there was on our left the lofty mountains of central and northern Idaho, and they were brilliantly white in the afternoon sun. On a vast blanket of valley that stretched many miles there appeared a strange zig-zagging line, which we took to be made by some type of snow tractor or snow mobile. The pilot announced that Sun Valley, Idaho, famed ski spa, was on our right.

But the plane was rushing on and soon we were over the great plains and rolling area of eastern Oregon. This, too, had been covered by the snow storms, perhaps a recent one, or maybe it was the accumulation of the winter.

Almost before we knew it, the pilot was announcing that Mt. Hood was on our right, and there standing like a brilliant white inverted cone, stood this majestic peak reaching for the heavens. And, of course, all around it was the white world of the lofty Cascade mountains. Then, beyond Mt. Hood, we saw Mt. Adams, and far to the north, Mt. Rainier. Shortly there appeared Mt. St. Helens. All of these peaks seemed to tower up out of the mountain ranges which are never absent from view in this beautiful Northwest land. Below, too, were the green forests, nestling in the snow, and from time to time one could see towns and cities.

Then we were flying along the mighty Columbia River, and beginning our descent toward Portland. The plane circled the city to get into its landing pattern, and then slowly settled down until its wheels were on the runway. In another few minutes we were parked at the entrance gate, and for those of us coming to the "City of Roses" the trip was over. Waiting were pastors and friends to take us to the various churches, and all of us were concerned and ready, praying that God would be with us in revival, even as he had protected us and blessed us in this rushing trek two thirds of the way across the continent.

## THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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Thursday, March 29, 1968

Any One of Us Immune to Sorrow?



FROM THE GREAT PROPHET ISAIAH:  
GOD CAN "BIND UP THE BROKEN-HEARTED" AND "COMFORT ALL THAT MOURN." —ISA. 61:1,2.

## I THE BAPTIST FORUM I

### Dr. Rutledge Replies To Parkway Church

Dear Brethren:

I have read carefully your letter of February 13, in which you express great concern over what you interpret to be the "fostering and encouraging the racial integration of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention," by its boards, agencies, and publications. I agree heartily with your statement that "we believe it to be the prerogative of each individual Southern Baptist church to make its decisions concerning social and racial issues against the background and within the context of its own local situation." Also, I believe that every decision must include the teachings of the Bible, and particularly the teachings and example of Jesus.

My personal judgment is that integration of the races is by no means a cure-all, nor is it really the base of our problem. I believe we have

sought that point where it is easier now to see that the basis of our problem is the recognition of the dignity and the worth of every person, and his right to share in whatever his fellow man shares in, whether it be in the field of education, employment, housing, worship, et cetera. The starting point is not integration, but respect for the personhood of every man, whatever his race or circumstance, a person "made in the image of God."

I recognize that a commitment to the biblical principle as I understand it, makes it very difficult to discriminate between men, and it is here that we must apply the teachings as best we can where we are at this point in history.

I agree that the Convention action in adopting the statement on "The Crisis in Our Nation" was not a "mandate." I do not know of any board or agency which considered this to be a mandate. It was a very strong vote, however, and it would be illogical for any agency to think that it should disregard this action. The same Convention, by vote, adopted a multi-million dollar budget, and we are following that action to the letter. Another action of the same group, though in a more sensitive area, certainly is not to be overlooked.

### EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

Schools must teach humanitarian skills aimed at:

- Understanding oneself and his fellowmen
- Developing meaningful compassion
- Cultivating effective relationships with all peoples
- Stimulating mental health.

This is the message contained in Life Skills and Society, the 1968 yearbook of one department of the National Education Association.

"There must be more to education than the mere acquisition of skills which allow one to be gainfully employed." The fundamental life skills are of another order.

To generate such skills, the curriculum must tackle the real problems of the current social scene and wrestle with the difficulties created by a rapidly changing society.

Skill attainment may involve attitudes, emotions, information, thought, or manual dexterity; but the heart of the process is "invariably a matter of human behavior. The measure of a school's success in developing skillful humans lies in their daily behavior rather than in their scores on a test."

Teen-ager to father: "But, dad, I've got to be a non-conformist. How else can I be like the other kids?"

...

You get to the top of a mountain only by climbing with other men on a rope.—Sir John Hunt (who climbed Mt. Everest)

By climbing (a mountain) together on a rope men apply the combined power of their muscles and skills, their courage and confidence, to reach their mutual objective.—Wilford A. Peterson

The trouble with a fellow who talks too fast is that he is liable to say something he hasn't even thought of yet.

Pride is more costly than any other purchase.

No room for improvement: Your best today isn't good enough tomorrow.—Samuel H. Johnson, The Ellicottville (New York) Post.



## Quiet Talks

### ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

### Good Intentions: Late Fulfilment

A busy and highly successful professional man told me of his abiding regret that his heroic mother had died suddenly — before he had got around to a long-intended week-end visit with her. In that intended week-end visit, he had meant to tell her in every way possible of his great appreciation of all she had meant to him. She had given to him faith, encouragement to dream high dreams for his life, confidence that he plus God could achieve the highest destiny in his career. Furthermore, she had sacrificed gladly and perennially to make possible the financial resources needed for his college and professional school training.

Although he had thanked his mother from time to time through the years, he had planned this tremendous expression during a week-end alone with her, hoping to serenade her heart with superlative joy.... But he kept deferring that week-end visit for what he thought to be acceptable reasons... and now it was too late!

A father, whose little daughter had begged him for a playtime facility which would have delighted a little girl's heart and have thrilled her little friends, was equally remorseful when the little daughter perished in an accident before he got around to fulfilling an intention which he could have fulfilled much earlier. In an attempt to alleviate his remorse, he built the playtime facility for the deceased daughter's playmates, but the aches

of remorse never fully left his heart. Some parents of my acquaintance have intended to give time, counsel, and companionship to their children—one of these days, when things are less complicated and involved; and, lo, to these parents may well awake to discover that their children have obtained time, counsel, and companionship from other people—in some instances, people of whom the parents disapproved!

#### Other Good Intentions

Many young people and adults intend to begin or to resume daily times of Bible study and prayer "when things aren't as intense, and when I can really plan my own schedule"; others "really do mean to begin to be regular in church attendance and active in service after college, or when my work has 'settled down' or when the babies are a little older." Alack, alas, the repetition of the good intention seems to slake conscience, and the regularity of devotional life, church life, and other wholesome spiritual experiences is deferred endlessly. Often sickness, sorrow, and tragedy strike, and the smitten Christian discovers to his wife that the spiritual resources he needs are not present.

WHY NOT MAKE A LIST TODAY OF THINGS WHICH YOU KNOW ARE OF IMPORTANCE, BUT WHICH YOU HAVE DEFERRED: AND, HAVING MADE THE LIST, BEGIN TO ATTEND TO ITS ITEMS? Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor

## NEWEST BOOKS

### BAPTIST SUCCESSIONISM, A CRITICAL VIEW by W. Morgan Patterson (Judson, \$8 pp., paper, \$2.50)

Dr. Patterson, a professor of church history at Southern Seminary, looks with critical eye at the works of historians who have sought to write Baptist history on the premise of "succession" from the days of Christ. He divides Baptist historians into four groups, and says that most of those claiming Baptist "succession" have not been true historians in their methods, and have not been too careful in their sources or in interpretation of what they have found. He claims that most of them built their arguments on the premise that Matt. 16:18 refers to a "local" church with the promise of Christ that it would exist through the ages. We would ask Dr. Patterson why should not men assume that Matt. 16:18 means that the church is an institution of visible, local churches, when every one of the 21 other uses Christ makes of the word church, very definitely were referring to a local, visible church. Why should we think that He is referring to something else here? Many Baptists believe that He was referring to the church as an institution, which always is local when in concrete form, and that churches have continued through the ages, whatever the name, and whether it is "Baptist succession" or not. However, we must agree with Dr. Patterson that historians should be honest in use of sources, and in their interpretation.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Rutledge, Executive Secretary  
Home Mission Board, SBC

### Cold Winter In Juneau

Dear Dr. Odle:

Since moving to Juneau in December from our home state, Mississippi, we have missed many things; one of these being The Baptist Record. Hollis and I would like to keep up with the Baptist work there and know of no better way than through the media of The Record. Please send it to the above address.

Our work here is progressing slowly; we have had a cold winter, but the rains have begun and the snow is melting daily.

We have just completed our Home Mission study and are in the midst of our Week of Prayer. Our church needs a building; the building committee will present plans for a building in our business meeting tonight; we hope to get a building by fall.

We have Rev. J. A. Cave, pastor of Mountain Creek Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, coming for our Crusade of the Americas revival March 16-23. Remember us in prayer during this time. We have many people in the area who need to be reached. The prospects are many lost, unaffiliated Baptists, and others who

say they belong to another denomination and never attend any church. We feel we will be able to reach more when we have a building of our own to invite them to our services.

We are praying that Mississippi Baptists will experience a revival among themselves as well as seeing many come to know Christ as personal Saviour during the weeks of revival there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hollis V. Bryant  
First Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 778  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

### Pulpit Tears

SEND YOUR TRUE, SPONTANEOUS INCIDENTS TO OUR GOLDEN PAGES, P. O. BOX 778, JUNEAU, ALASKA.

THIS ONE SEEN BY H.W. SWINDALL SAN LEANDRO, CALIF.

THE USER WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER THE NAME OF THEIR EVANGELIST, A BRO. MULLIGAN. (HE GOT CLOSE!!)



WE ASK THY BLESSINGS UPON THE SERVICE, AND THY GUIDING HAND UPON BRO. FINGERS...

### THE LAST YEARS OF THE CHURCH by David Poling (Double-day, 153 pp., \$4.95)

Dr. Poling reviews the present situation in many of the churches and denominations, and says much of the "dead" church life of today is about to pass from the scene, and that Christianity in this new day will be different. He deals with the drop in church attendance, the loss of leadership, the decline in young people entering religious vocation, but says that something new and exciting in Christianity is arising in the place of the old as young people, laymen, etc., seek new spiritual experiences. It appears to this reader that what the author says is dying is the old, formal, Bible rejecting, liberalism, which denied spiritual experience, and thus emptied the churches and destroyed itself. In its place is coming a new hunger for God, and a new spiritual thirst, that is being met by new emphases.

### PREACHING OUTLINES, POEMS AND ILLUSTRATIONS by Croft M. Potts (Baker, paperback, 88 pp., \$1)

Ideas for sermon building.

### Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

March 24 — James McElroy, Clarke faculty; W. L. Compre, president, Clarke College.

March 25 — Dorman Laird, Baptist student director, Wm. Carey College; Katherine Cain, health director, Gilroy School of Nursing.

March 26 — M. M. Weaver, M.C. faculty; Ola Barnett, staff, Children's Village.

March 27 — E. L. Roberts, Copiah-Lincoln supt. of missions; Millard Purvis, Mississippi associational supt. of missions.

March 28 — Mrs. Vivian Dorman, Mrs. Sara Kathryn Crawford, Mrs. Marylyn Crisler, Mrs. Bobbie Crotwell, Baptist Building employees.

March 29 — Mrs. J. D. Sims, staff, Wm. Carey College; Dwight Gentry, staff, Blue Mtn. College.

March 30 — Mrs. Bea Fortenberry, Baptist Book Store; W. A. Martin, Ministerial Education Board.

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# The Great Northwest — An Area Of Baptist Opportunity

By The Editor

Oregon - Washington; Wonderland of the Northwest, USA. Towering, snow-capped mountains; Broad, fertile valleys; Wide, rolling rivers;

Tall, evergreen forests;

Rugged, roaring seacoasts;

Spreading, bustling cities;

Giant, modern industries;

Beautiful, productive farmlands;

Carefully pruned orchards;

Power producing, giant dams;

Cool, chilling winds;

Warm, friendly people.

This is the Northwest — Oregon, Washington, where more than 200 preachers from the deep South, including many Mississippians, preached in Crusade of America revivals, the last two weeks of February.

Southern Baptists officially have been there for only a little more than 20 years, but Baptists from the South have been there almost from the beginning of the modern era of development of the area. It was a Kentucky Baptist who founded the first Baptist Church there, and Southern Baptists had a broad influence in the early days of Baptist development.

Three-quarters of a century ago, groups of Baptists in Oregon, Washington and California, sought affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, but were frustrated in the effort because of the convention's comity agreements with other Baptist groups of that day, and because of the feeling then existing among Southern Baptists that their area of responsibility was only in the deep South.

As a result, many of the Baptist churches became independent, refusing to work with Northern Baptists, whose leadership advocated alien immersion and open communion. Today, the Conservative Baptist Convention is almost as large as the convention of American Baptists (Northern Baptists), and the General Association of Regular Baptists, the German Baptists, Swedish Baptists, American Association Baptists, and others, have strong churches and even associations. While American Baptists still are the largest group with about 48,000 members, with the Conservative Baptists second with about 45,000, Southern Baptists have grown from about 2,000 twenty years

ago, to more than 37,000 now, and are the fast growing group today. During this same twenty years, American Baptists have lost many churches and several thousands of members.

The organization of a Southern Baptist Convention related convention for that area, came about because those with ties with the deep South simply would not give up their dream. After the 1920's and 1930's when Southern Baptists began to reach out beyond the original deep South states, and after the California Convention was accepted in 1941 these Baptists of the Northwest determined to try again to bring about a relationship with Southern Baptists. In 1948 a convention was formed, and application was made to the 1948 SBC for membership. After one year, this was granted at the convention in Oklahoma City in 1950. One of the leaders who laid the groundwork for this was Dr. R. E. Milam, who grew up in the area, but was the son of a Texas preacher who had come to the Northwest, and who was educated in Texas. Dr. Milam became the first executive secretary of the new convention when it was formed.

Others whose names are found prominent among those who laid the groundwork of SBC relationships are Leonard D. Sibley, a preacher who had come from Oklahoma; C. E. Boyle, a native of the area, and now editor of the state paper; Rev. Roland P. Hood, a native of Texas, who began as a missionary in the Northwest in 1948, and later became Executive Secretary; J. Carey Moore, a layman who has meant much to the convention's work; Rev. Horace Burns, a Texan, who, as missionary and as pastor, has given many years to the area. These are just a few of the names which could be called of men and women who have done so much to lay the foundations and begin the superstructure for a great Baptist empire in the Northwest.

Numerous Mississippians have had a part. One was Rev. Fred Mosley, now of the Home Mission Board, who served for some time as Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the Convention. A former Mississippi pastor, Dr. W. E. Grubbs, has just on the 1st of this year begun serving as Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

## Impact Of Crusade Is Felt

### Greatest Crusade Effort In Northwest

By Lewis S. Sted

Secretary of Evangelism

Washington-Oregon Convention

Letters from pastors, and area missionaries in reporting the great things that happened during the Crusade are highlighting their reports with the praise for the Mississippi pastors who came to preach for us.

With few exceptions, due to weather, pastorless churches and the such, visible results have exceeded any other single crusade effort in the history of our convention. With few revivals still in progress and some mission revivals yet to be held, the projection stands at over 1100 professions of faith, over 200 additions by transfer of membership, and beyond 1500 meaningful rededications.

One of the encouraging reports has been the great number of new people who attended the revival. The average is from 5 to as many as 50. These new people we feel are real prospects for us to win to Christ now in the days ahead.

The real impact in this area cannot be measured by the statistical report of the actual decisions registered during the revival period. Some pastors are writing and calling, saying that they are having professions during the week and on Sundays that are related to the crusade effort.

In this area we must have a good time for cultivation before we can have a harvest. We know that the strongest factor in some areas may have been the sowing of the seed and cultivation. We will be reaping from this for months to come.

Beyond what we can add up in the column of figures, the crusade was truly a refreshing from the Lord. The comment I hear most is, "You assigned just the right man for our area. How did you do it?" I know that prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit has marked the crusade from the standpoint of the pastors who came to help us, and the fields where they were assigned.

Many comments have been heard concerning the T.V. appearance of Dr. Odie where he explained the origin and purpose of the crusade. The press received the crusade well, and all this has moved our work ahead with a greater reception. The public relations ministry and great Christ centered preaching of the Mississippi pastors has truly strengthened the cause of Christ in the great Northwest.

We want to thank Dr. Gordon Sanning in a special way for helping us enlist the pastors and churches in Mississippi to share with us in this crusade, and for his encouraging leadership in the Seattle area.

The convention staff, area missionaries, churches and all our people want to say, "Thank you Mississippi Baptists for sharing your pastors and leaders with us." All are saying, "Let's do it again."

### Crusade Was A Great Experience

By Frank J. Mackey, Jr., pastor

Holgate Church, Portland, and

Crusade Chairman, Interstate Assn.

(Excerpts from a letter.)

This crusade was one of the great experiences of my life. I have been in simultaneous revivals in Oklahoma, where the statistical report was far greater in all respects. But I never have been in one that made a greater impact on my own life.

Part of this was due to our evangelist, an old friend, Melvin Moody of Oklahoma. He is a man filled with the spirit of God. And then there was the blessing of working with you men who came.

There were 24 churches and missions of a possible 38, involved in the crusade. We are encouraging others to have crusades at Easter time. Nineteen of the congregations reported at least one baptism, for a total of 104. Forty joined by letter.

Our Fellowship Meetings were of great value in my estimation. I do not know of anything that Baptist preachers have done that has done more to create and sustain a spirit of cooperation from one year to the next to our total program than fellowship meetings like these. By the second or third meeting we are relaxed and really loving one another. Then we take that wholesome attitude back to the congregation that night. We are all glad in a new sense that we are Southern Baptists.

There is another special value in this area...one like it. On the last Friday several of the visiting evangelists responded spontaneously to their joy and new understanding of our situation. Rev. Kenneth Williams from Vinita, Oklahoma, will serve as an illustration. He spoke of the great thrill he had enjoyed in serving in the crusade. Then he confessed to new insight. He said, "Several of us wondered why Frank Mackey and others had left Oklahoma to come to this area. Frankly, because of the American — Conservative Baptist split I didn't think that we needed to come here. I know now that we did. There is such a tremendous need. I am not looking for a place to move, and I am not asking to be recommended to some church." He paused to wipe the tears from his face, "But this is the truth. I have made myself available to God to come here if he wants me to."

"Pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into

### Task Not Easy One

The task of building a strong Southern Baptist convention in Oregon-Washington is not an easy one. Had the SBC accepted the group which applied for membership more than 75 years ago, perhaps there would be many more churches and twice or three times the membership Southern Baptists have there today. However, it did not happen that way, and the Southern Baptists of today are building for now, on the basis of the need now, and are doing a splendid job.

Most of the churches still are small, if measured by standards of the deep South. They do not have large, tremendous church plants, like many of the churches in cities of similar size in the deep South have today, but they are acquiring valuable property, in strategic locations, and they are building attractive, useable buildings, which will grow as the work grows. They are seeing a steady advance, and as the area grows, Southern Baptists will become as ever more important factor in the religious life and Christian witness of the area.

Today there are more than 200 Southern Baptist churches in Washington-Oregon, with a few in neighboring Western Canada. There also are some missions, with others projected. It was to these churches and missions that the preachers from the deep South went for the revivals in February. Among them were many Mississippians, and on this page some of

them tell the story of their experiences in the revivals. These men had been enlisted by the Evangelism Divisions in their states to assist in these revivals.

### Found Warm Welcome

They found a warm welcome, and an expectant people. Crowds were not large in most places, but they were eager, prayerful, and ready to attend and work for revival.

There was spiritual power manifest from the very beginning, in special rallies and other meetings which marked the opening of the crusade. People began to be saved almost from the beginning in some of the revivals, while in others the results were not quite so evident, but revival among the church people came, and additions can be expected in weeks ahead, as the crusade follow-up continues.

It was the privilege of your editor to work in the Calvary Baptist Church of Vancouver, Washington, a city of about 100,000 across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon. The pastor is Rev. Horace Burns who has given a number of years of service in two or three different periods in the Northwest, in the past twenty five years. The Calvary Church was organized in December 1948, and has a well located building in one of the main thoroughfares of the city, easily accessible from almost any section of the city. Vancouver is growing rapidly, with numerous large subdivisions

of homes which have been developed in the last few years.

### Church Well Organized

This church has a well organized program, with a splendid Sunday school and Training Union. It is not having a spectacular growth, but a steady one. Attendance at most of the services of the revival meeting was splendid, and the response and spirit was good. There were only six additions during the meeting, with four of them for baptism, but there were other professions and other manifestations of interest, which should bring more additions in the weeks ahead.



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## Pastors From Mississippi Make Reports On Crusade

**Editor's Note:** Excerpts from reports of several of the Mississippi pastors who participated in the Washington-Oregon Crusade are carried below on this page. Others will be printed later as space allows.

**Glenwood, Bengin, Washington**

O. B. Beverly, Woodville

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You feel this keenly and people look at them like they are trash. Thirdly, the pastors with so little to work with, of time, money, and equipment, are fighting an uphill battle. The church most of the time gets a few families together and seems to be getting along fine and several lose jobs or are transferred to another, and pastor, and a few have to start from scratch again. Many have no suitable building to work in with very little equipment. Many of the pastors are not trained to work with people and often the pastor's job creates problems for pastor and people. So many pastors give up and leave. If only some trained men, men who know how to get along with people could go out there and could receive some way enough money to live on so he could give full time to work, even if his wife had to work to help out. I think you would see a different picture. People are hungry for someone who cares and will bring the gospel to them.

**Federal Way, Washington**

Jee E. Haire, Water Valley

Mr. Curtis Berry (a layman who went from First Baptist Church of Water Valley to lead the singing) and I found our trip to Federal Way Washington spiritually rewarding. In no other way could we have realized the magnitude of spiritual need in that area. It opened our eyes to our personal responsibility in helping meet that need.

Another good thing about the revivals was the evident blessings of God upon the churches. Conversions and additions by baptism and letter were reported by every participating church and mission. It seemed that all 20 of the participating churches and missions had a good report. Brother O. B. Beverly from Woodville went to two of the most difficult fields in the association and in spite of many hardships encountered, including several feet of snow at Glenwood, we continue to hear good reports of his work.

In nearly every campaign it seems that at least one church will have an outstanding revival. First Baptist Church, Odell, Oregon where James Hurt served had 20 professions of faith with 17 of them uniting with the church by baptism and two other additions by letter. They had an average attendance during the revival services of 120 with a high attendance in Sunday school of 204 on March 2. The average Sunday school attendance for this church last association year was 98. They also had high attendance of 91 in Training Union on the closing night of the revival. Brother Hurt gave three full Sundays to the Odell church. God blessed in an unusual way. The Odell Church is starting a mission on March 9 at Parkdale, a nearby community in the Hood River valley.

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**Meadowvale, Washington**

John Dearing, Bay St. Louis

Having a part in the Oregon-Washington Crusade of Americas Revival was a far greater blessing to me than to the church where I served. I was guest evangelist in Meadowdale Baptist Church, Lynwood, Washington, a community on the northern outskirts of Seattle. Meadowdale Baptist Church is a small, newly constituted (July, 1968) church. The pastor is Felix Green, a native of Mississippi, as is his wife. Until recently, he supplemented his combined church and Home Mission Board salary with income from plumbing work. He has

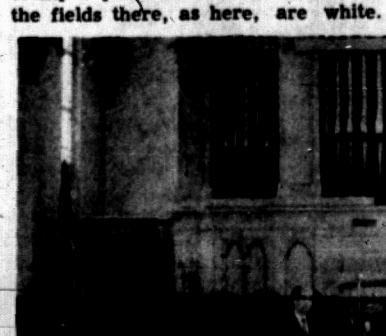
three children, all in College.

According to the most recent survey, 80% of the population in the Meadowdale area have no church affiliation whatsoever. Prospects are everywhere. The primary work of witnessing is to try to break through the indifference. The work is slow, and discouraging much of the time. Yet, the pastors and members remain optimistic and energetic.

Southern Baptist work in the area is beginning to make a real impact. Instead of a few strategically located large churches, the associations have, wisely in my opinion, chosen to establish as many church witness-stations as possible in as many thickly populated sections as possible. With the invaluable help of the Home Mission Board, and with extreme and willing sacrifice on the part of individuals and churches, new mission points are established as quickly as possible in a new or proposed housing developments. The Meadowdale Church, organized into a church only last July, is actively engaged in establishing a mission in a near-by new development.

High on the list of impressions was the dedication and faithfulness of the church members. There was obvious evidence of fellowship in responsibility on the part of members. I was deeply impressed by the number of members who actively witnessed daily on their jobs and in their neighborhood. Most of the churches have been built largely by the members themselves. They are attractive, appealing, and comfortable with adequate provisions and in nearly every case, a full church program including men's, women's, youth organizations, and music program. Relationship between churches is highly cooperative without evidence of competition.

One of the greatest needs in leadership. With no Baptist Colleges or Seminaries close by, coupled with the newness of the work makes pastoral leadership a premium in the area. Truly the fields there, as here, are white.



METROPOLITAN Baptist Church in Portland, one of those participating in the Crusade.

REV. NOLAN KENNEDY, (left) is pastor of Metropolitan Church, Vancouver, Wash., with Rev. Horace Burns, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, at right. The organ in the church was built in Boston, shipped by boat around the tip of South America to San Francisco and then traveled overland to Vancouver.

How we need to pray and find funds to dedicate to this great area.

### Port Orchard, Washington

Van H. Hardin, Moss Point

Mr. J. T. Hannaford, our Minister of Music, and I served in the First Baptist Church of Port Orchard, Washington. This is one of the first Southern Baptist Churches located in the Puget Sound area of the Olympic peninsula. Progress has been slow because of the unfavorable religious circumstances of that area. However, in spite of many great difficulties the church has enjoyed a healthy growth, and remains true to Southern Baptist polity and practice. The church has a membership of about 175, and has recently



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by so many different denominations and sects have created an unfavorable atmosphere for the true message of the gospel. The area does not enjoy the strong influence of dedicated Christians as we have here in the south. The Southern Baptist Churches in this area have faced great difficulties. One senses something of the rugged pioneer spirit in the church leadership. However, they have been strengthened by the many obstacles and its is our conviction that through the next three decades great growth will be experienced, and a worthy contribution will be made to the total Southern Baptist Program.

## **Mississippi's Lottie Moon Offering Gifts Total \$783,006.78**

The gifts to Foreign Mission Week of Prayer (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) are listed as received through February 28 with 1396 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$783,006.78.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

### Jesus Prepares For His Death

By Clifton J. Allen  
Mark 14:1 to 14:42

Jesus faced his death on the cross with open eyes and holy purpose. From his baptism onward, he had consciously faced his mission as the Suffering Servant. With this lesson he enters into the very shadow of the cross. In figurative language, Jesus foretold the coming destruction of Jerusalem and his own death at the end of the age. The chief priests and scribes were plotting Jesus' death as soon as the Passover feast would be over. Judas, bitterly disappointed in Jesus' concept of his messiahship and with a treacherous heart, decided to betray Jesus into the hands of the chief priests. The night before the crucifixion Jesus observed the Passover meal with the disciples, instituted the Lord's Supper, and endured the agony of Gethsemane, all introductory to the awesome events of his arrest and trial and crucifixion.

#### The Lesson Explained

In The Upper Room  
Seemingly, Wednesday was spent in quiet solitude, near the village of Bethany we may assume. On Thursday Jesus gave instructions to two of the disciples about making arrangements for the Passover meal. In the evening they all assembled in the place prepared. We are left to imagine the atmosphere of the group in the upper room. The disciples were doubtless tense and full of anxiety and uncertainty. Jesus was perfectly calm but sensitive to the impending crisis. Judas was still in the group, whose treacherous intent Jesus knew full well. Perhaps near the end of the meal, Jesus pointed out the betrayer, but not in a way to arouse the suspicion of the other disciples. At what point Judas left, it is not certain. The terror and iniquity of his deed was suggested by Jesus' words, "Good were it for that man if he had never been born."

**Symbols Of Suffering**  
Verses 22-28

Jesus declared that the bread and the cup were symbols of his body and his blood. It was the purpose of Jesus that his followers would continue to observe the ordinance he instituted as an act of worship and as a continuing reminder of the sacrifice of the cross.

He suffered death to make possible the redemption of the world. By eating the bread and drinking from the cup we declare the truth that we have partaken of his body and blood by faith and that we have accepted the reconciliation and forgiveness made possible by his death for our sins. The Lord's Supper further symbolizes the unity and fellowship of all who partake of Christ by faith. Jesus' words impress on us that we are bound to him in a new covenant sealed by his blood.

#### Agony In Gethsemane

Verses 32-41

Judas had now gone out to accom-

plish his treacherous deed. Jesus and the other disciples went across the brook Kidron to Gethsemane, a place where Jesus often went with his disciples. Leaving eight of the disciples near the gate, he asked Peter, James and John to go with him bit farther into seclusion. In some way there seemed to come over him a wave of overwhelming sorrow and grief, a sort of staggering amazement; such anguish of soul that he seemed to be in the very throes of death. Jesus then asked the three disciples to tarry and watch, while he withdrew still farther and prayed that "if it were possible, the hour might pass from him." How can we understand this thrice-repeated plea, "Take away this cup from me"? Perhaps it was the inevitable conflict between being the holy Son of God and becoming the sacrifice for the whole world's sin.

After the first and second lonely vigils in prayer, Jesus sought the comfort of the three disciples, only to find them borne down by sleep. The crux of his prayer in each instance was not, "Take away this cup from me"; instead, it was, "Not what I will, but what thou wilt." He came to earth to do the will of God. The agony in Gethsemane ended with victory as Jesus reaffirmed his commitment to God's will.

#### Truths to Live By

Christians are involved in the sufferings of Christ. — We can share Christ's sufferings when we yield ourselves to the power of his redemptive love and give ourselves to minister to persons in need, to strive to win lost persons to faith in the Saviour, to work for justice and righteousness in the life of the world, and to become ambassadors of reconciliation for the peace of the world.

We need the help of God for the supreme crises of life.—The example of Jesus is never more inspiring than with reference to the practice of prayer. We are much weaker than we think. For every crisis of opportunity and responsibility, of testing and suffering, or of disappointment and failure, we need the help of God. We can claim that help through the medium of prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

The heart of prayer is surrender to the will of God. — We learn this also from the Saviour's prayer.

#### Macedonia Plans

#### Dedication Service

Dedication services for the new building at Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, will be held on Sunday, March 23.

In addition to regular morning and evening services, a special dedication service will be conducted at 2 p.m., with open house to follow.

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## LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

### Witnessing: The Way Of Missions

2 Corinthians 4  
By Bill Duncan

Many people are confused about what witnessing is. To be a witness in a legal sense is to tell what one knows from a personal experience. The court does not want one to tell of the experience of others, or to give one's opinions. In the Christian faith a witness is one who tells what Jesus means to him and what Christ has done for him. The Greek word for witness is based on the idea of martyr. The true witness is one who is willing to give his life in the service of his Lord. The attitude of devotion should demonstrate the message spoken. We have a lot of people who are giving a spoken witness for they are failing to demonstrate the right attitude. This could be one reason our message is not bearing the results that it should. Let us be certain that our message is that of Jesus Christ. It is ever so important that we do not imply that men can be saved in any other way than by faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul was a person that gave an effective witness. His life was that of a sacrifice from the moment he accepted Christ as Lord. He did not witness in a moment but all the time. He was so careful that he present Jesus Christ as the only hope.

#### The Ministry of Witnessing

Paul by experience has been made aware of the great task that God has given to him. The task is made difficult by the opponents and those who are slanderers. Paul had been charged with using underhanded methods, that he used his own unscrupulous cleverness to get his own way, and that he adulterated the message of the gospel. When people test us in this way, it's worth remembering the way they treated Paul.

There is a ministry to those who refuse to accept the gospel. Paul claimed that he had tried to present the gospel in such a simple way that any man with conscience should admit its claims and appeal. The reason these refused to believe is that Satan has blinded their eyes to the light of the gospel. Satan is the one who makes the task of witness difficult. By refusing to believe in and accept Christ they have given themselves over to the evil of the world that they can no longer hear God's invitation when it comes. By their conduct they have shut themselves off from God.

The ministry of witnessing is trying to repay by life and effort for something that Christ did for us. We need "the memory of mercy received." The task of witnessing is presenting Jesus Christ. There you will see what God is like.

#### Triumph Over Tribulation

However great a Christian a man might be, there is still the problem life presents. Someone said life is designed to keep a man from pride. The witness is contained in earthen vessels that are fragile.

As a Christian there are all kinds of pressure placed upon a man; yet he is never in a corner so tight that there is no way out.

A man might be persecuted because he is a Christian but never abandoned by God. God is always with him.

Barclay said, "We are at our wit's end but never at our hope's end. There are times when the Christian does not know what is to be done, but even at such a time as that he never doubts that something can be done."

The Christian witness can triumph over tribulation by the help of God. If a person makes a real witness there will come tribulation. The willingness to suffer helps a person to live depending upon Christ. The power that raised up Jesus Christ is available to the Christian in overcoming difficulties.

#### The Secret of Mission Service

Paul was always conscious that the sufferings of this world are not to be compared with the glories that shall be in the next world. Life may look like it is a losing battle but, from the spiritual point of view, life is a climbing up the hill that looks to the peak and the presence of God. Our eyes must be looking to the unseen by faith. Hebrews 11:27: "He endured as seeing Him who is invisible."

When discouragements come we must look beyond this life. This is not the end of things.

Paul thought that the things that he was going through were so that others might be brought to Christ. When a man has the complete conviction that what is happening to him is happening literally for Christ's sake he can face and bear anything.

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# Revival Dates

**Pearl Church:** March 24-30; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor, First, Brandon, preaching; Rev. Elmer Lowrey, minister of music and youth at Pearl leading the singing; services Monday-Friday at 10:00 a.m., and Monday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; regular services Sunday; Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor.

**New Zion Church, Et. 1, Monteagle:** March 19-23; continue through Sunday night; Saturday night included; night services only at 7 p.m. except for regular Sunday services; Rev. Bradley Pope, Director of Religious Activities, Baptist Student Union, Mississippi College, Clinton, evangelist. Rev. John L. Carlisle, pastor.

**Dry Creek:** March 23-28; services at 7:15, night only; Rev. Delton Craft, evangelist; Rev. Wardell Kennedy, pastor.

**Utica Church:** March 18-21; Rev. John Ed Snell, pastor; Rev. Byron Malone, evangelist; Kirk Gullide, song leader; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Calvary, Greenville:** March 23-30; noon meal from 11:45 to 12:15; services from 12:15 to 12:45; evening services at 7:30; Rev. Mel Craft, pastor; First Church, Magee, evangelist; George Fields, Jackson YMCA youth worker, in charge of music and youth; Rev. Raymond A. Wilson, pastor.

**Pass Road, Gulfport:** Crusade of Americas revival; March 16-28; Rev. Robert P. Steinmetz, Jr., pastor, Calvary Church, Bluefield, W. Va., evangelist; (Mr. Steinmetz, native of New Jersey, converted while in the U. S. Air Force at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, was formerly pastor of several churches in Mississippi); Harold Taylor, music director; Rev. John W. Wade, Sr., pastor; Sunday, March 16, services at 10:35 a.m. and 7 p.m.; March 17 and 18, visitation 7-8:20 p.m.; March 19, preaching at 7:30 p.m.; March 20, 21, 22, visitation 7:30 p.m.; March 23-28, preaching each night at 7:30 p.m.

**Robinhood (Rankin):** March 21-23; youth-led revival; Crusade of Americas; a team from William Carey College including Rev. Byron Morgan, evangelist, and Donald Flynt, song leader, will be in charge; services Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; regular services on Sunday; youth fellowship each evening following the worship service; Rev. J. D. Hughes, pastor.

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ist; night services 18-22; with services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. the second week.

**Raymond Road Church, Jackson:** March 23 - 28; services 7:30 each night; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, (pictured) Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, president, evangelist; Randy Smith, Raymond Road, song director; Rev. R. Newmann, pastor.

**Southern Hills, Jackson:** Crusade of the Americas Revival, March 23-28; Dr. C. Z. Holland (pictured) Clinton, evangelist; Daryl L. Randall, new minister of music-at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will direct music; services 7:00 p.m.; Sunday March 23 will be dinner on the grounds; Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor.

**First Church, Mount Olive:** March 24-30; Rev. Harold E. O'Chester, Alandale Church, Austin, Texas, evangelist; Hubert Greer, minister of music, Collins Church, music director; Rev. Jerry Slonaker, pastor.

**Mt. Nebo, Collinsville (Newton County):** weekend revival; March 21-23; services 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 7:30 night; Rev. Frank Harmon, Marion, pastor of Daleville Church, Daleville, Miss., and Eureka Church, Butler, Ala., and student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Rev. David L. Sellers, pastor, will be song leader; Friday night there will be an Old-Fashioned Campfire Service; on Saturday night the Choir from West Lauderdale School will sing, under the direction of Miss Jean Espey; after the service there will be a church fellowship.

**Mt. Zion, Rankin:** March 23-28; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor Eastside Church, Pearl, evangelist; Ronnie Tullos, Mt. Zion Church, music director; services, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. T. C. Pinson, pastor.

**Jericho Church, Union County:** March 16-21; Rev. W. F. Evans, pastor, First Church, New Albany, evangelist; Jerry Crawford, singer; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Adron Horne, pastor.



**Bethel Church (Newton County):** March 19-30; Rev. H. T. Curbow, pastor; Rev. E. P. Baldwin, pastor of First Church, Huron, Ohio, evangelist.

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